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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

WALKER IS THE MAN

Aldace F. Walker Made Santa Fe Receiver in Reinhart's Place.

Judge Caldwell Made the Appointment at Chicago Today.

APPROVED IN ADVANCE

London and Amsterdam Committees Approve Selection.

Walker Was Chairman of the Western Traffic Association.

IS AN OLD SOLDIER.

Col. Walker Went Through the Late Civil War.

Put On Interstate Commerce Commission by Cleveland.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Judge Caldwell of the United States circuit court today on motion of Hon. Wheeler H. Peckham, representing the Union Trust company, of New York, as trustee, all the other parties to the record assenting, appointed Aldace F. Walker, receiver of the Atchison property in place of J. W. Reinhart, resigned.

Before being submitted to the court, the name of Mr. Walker had been approved in advance by the representatives of the London and Amsterdam committees of Atchison security holders and by the general reorganization committee in New York.

Mr. Walker's appointment is entirely agreeable to the two other receivers, and it is believed there will be entire harmony in the future conduct of the affairs of the Atchison system.

Aldace F. Walker, who is chairman of the Western Traffic association, has long been prominent in the railroad world. He was born in Rutland, Vermont, in 1842, and went through the civil war, being mustered out a lieutenant colonel. He served two years as a Vermont state senator and was appointed as one of the original members of the interstate commerce commission in 1887.

In 1889 he resigned to become chairman of the interstate commerce railway association and later accepted the chairmanship of the Western Traffic association.

Immediately after the appointment of Mr. Walker Judge Caldwell left for St. Paul, where the order for the appointment of the receiver will be entered. Mr. Reinhart's resignation will be accepted immediately upon the entering of the order.

The order for Mr. Walker's appointment will take effect at once, when entered at St. Paul, and will thus practically antedate Mr. Reinhart's resignation, which does not take effect until September 1. The fact has caused some comment, but Santa Fe officials deny that it has the slightest significance, or that any discourtesy is intended regarding the outgoing receiver.

The officials explain that Mr. Reinhart's resignation was so worded as to take effect September 1, or at such intervening date as his business with the road could be completed.

SOMETHING ABOUT COL. WALKER.

Interesting Information About His Career and His Personality.

The appointment of Mr. Aldace Walker as receiver of the Santa Fe to succeed Mr. Reinhart, was received with genuine surprise by the local railroad men.

A STATE JOURNAL reporter carried the news to the Santa Fe general office building a few minutes after 1 o'clock.

Treasurer Edward Wilder said he had no acquaintance with the new receiver, but he is well known by all the officials in the traffic departments.

Mr. Walker was the second Chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission being appointed by President Cleveland to succeed Judge Cooley.

He resigned his position on the Interstate Commerce commission to become chairman of the Western Traffic association and its chairman of that association was made chairman of the "Big Six" association which was composed of the chairman of the six great traffic associations and was the highest tribunal in traffic circles.

As chairman of the big six association Mr. Walker received a salary of \$25,000 a year.

A little less than two years ago Mr. Walker resigned his position with the traffic association and since that time has been practicing law in Chicago.

Up to the time of his appointment on the Interstate Commerce commission, Mr. Walker had had no railroad experience, but in account of his former connection with the big six association he is now regarded as a desirable man for the receivership of the Santa Fe by other railroad men for the reason that it is believed he will be opposed to cutting rates in the manner carried on by President Reinhart.

Mr. Walker is described as a large dark complexioned gentleman, who weighs over 200 pounds. He is about 35 years of age.

Just what faction of the bondholders Mr. Walker represents, is not clearly understood by the local Santa Fe people, but he is believed to represent an element which will demand a change in the system of auditing as practiced under the Reinhart management.

TAKEN TO TASK.

A Chicago Paper Severely Criticizes the Santa Fe's Management.

The Chicago Tribune under the heading "Criminal Railroad Management," says editorially:

"Investigations made by an expert ex-

aminer show that more than seven million dollars of income claimed for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad company in the last three or four years was offset by counter items. President Reinhart has endeavored to explain this to the satisfaction of those who hold the securities of the corporation, but has not succeeded. The bald fact remains that such an enormous deficit exists, and those acquainted with the circumstances entertain no doubt that the great bulk of this seven millions of dollars was paid in the shape of salaries drawn by a few big shippers, who thus obtained an overwhelming advantage over their smaller competitors in business.

"Not only was this a deliberate breach of the interstate commerce law, which was passed for the express purpose of preventing unfair discriminations between the patrons of the lines, which are common carriers for the public, but there is every reason to believe it had another motive, and that a thoroughly dishonest one. The object was to 'make a record' on which could be floated a large volume of new securities, which otherwise it would have been difficult to impossible to sell, so the officials made 'bids for business,' and of course the biggest bids were made to those who could send the largest quantities of freight over the line.

"It was not worth while to offer inducements in the shape of rebates to the shippers, or to lower ones, who had no option as to route. But for those who could send a great number of carloads of freight over the Atchison line, or by some other as they might elect, there were 'fat pickings' at command, and probably in some cases 'commissions' to officials and others who were supposed to be able to influence the selection of a route. The policy pursued was unjust to many patrons of the line, injurious to other roads which compete with it, a breach of the interstate commerce law, a confidence game on the investors in the securities, and a falsification of accounts to the extent that they were 'fixed up' so as to cloak the other iniquities."

THE DROUTH BROKEN.

Heavy Rains Today in Central and Southern Kansas.

PEABODY, Kas., Aug. 16.—The long spell of dry weather in this vicinity was broken today by a steady rain. Fruit will be materially benefited.

NEWTON, Aug. 16.—One of the worst drouths experienced by Harvey county within ten years was broken this morning by a copious rain. Corn will be fair and pasturage good.

EL DORADO, Kas., Aug. 16.—The drouth was broken in this county by rain this morning, which fell for several hours.

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., Aug. 16.—A heavy rain began falling in this section this morning. It came in time to greatly benefit late corn and improve pastures.

MAY RAIN TONIGHT.

But There is Nothing Certain About It—Meteorologists Say.

There is a possibility of rain tonight. Don't let this news shock you too much, because it may not come; but it is certain to rain in the southeastern part of the state tonight and it is thought at the weather bureau that Topeka may get a few drops of it, at least. It rained in the Wichita district last evening.

Hot weather returned to Topeka today and the weather which was delightful yesterday is torrid again today. At 2 p. m. it was 89 on the street level and 95 at the weather bureau. It dropped to 95 last night, a range of 30 degrees.

OHIO POPULISTS

Go to Their State Convention by Wagon Trains—Coxey Spoke.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—The Populist state convention was called to order today in a grove three miles west of the city. Four wagon trains from the northern, southern, eastern and western parts of the state reached the convention, the attendance was not less than 1,500, the largest gathering ever held by the party in Ohio.

Gen. Coxey, the originator of the commonwealth army movement was the lion of the occasion. After effecting a temporary organization by the election of Hugh Cavanaugh as chairman, as chairman, and C. P. Martin as secretary, and the appointing of the usual committees, Coxey spoke.

Ohio Democrats Meet Sept. 18.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—The Democratic state central committee selected Sept. 18 and 19 as dates for the state convention. Hon. Frank Hurd, of Toledo, was selected for temporary chairman, and J. J. McNally, of Youngstown, for temporary secretary of the convention. Mr. Hurd's selection as chairman was at the request of Senator Brice.

FREE LUMBER PLEASES CANADA.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 16.—Lumbermen here are jubilant over the prospect of free lumber in the United States. Last year Canada paid over half a million dollars on lumber and other forest products which will now be admitted free if the president signs the tariff bill.

Mayor Gilroy Sails for Europe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Mayor Gilroy, his daughter and two sons, sailed for Europe on the Paris today. He will be away about three weeks and will only visit London and Paris. The trip is one of recreation.

Corn Crop Made in Illinois.

MOAWQUA, Ill., Aug. 16.—Reports from Shelby, Christian and Moultrie counties, say that the corn crop is now practically made. The recent rains were all that was needed. The yield will be the largest in several years.

Nominated on the 1236th Ballot.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 16.—The first district Republican congressional convention, after being in session two days and two nights, today nominated Jesse B. Strode of Lincoln on the 1236th ballot.

Two little colored boys named Albert Blue and Clarence Groggins were arrested by the police this afternoon while they were trying to sell a suspicious lot of old rubbish. They will be tried in the morning.

TOOK IT WITH HIM.

Cleveland Left Washington Today for Gray Gables.

Took the Tariff Bill Along to Think Over.

GOES FOR HIS HEALTH.

He Has Been Suffering With a Malarial Attack.

Needs the Sea Breeze to Brace Him for His Task.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Cleveland left Washington for the Pennsylvania this morning for Gray Gables. In explanation of his sudden departure the following statement was furnished by Private Secretary Thurber:

"The president left this morning for a few days absence under the advice of his physicians, in the hope of shaking off a malarial attack from which he has been suffering for several days. Yesterday the attack culminated in a fever, but which was under control this morning. Dr. O'Reilly, his physician, expresses no doubt that a few days of salt air and rest will recuperate the president sufficiently to renew his official duties and he will return to Washington by the middle of next week.

"He has gone to Gray Gables accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, Capt. Robert Evans also accompanied the president, but it is probable that he will stop at New York where he will take command of his ship, the New York, in a day or so."

Senator Berry, Representatives Outhwaite and Turner of Georgia, and several other congressmen called at the White house after 9 o'clock and were surprised to find that the president had departed.

The president took with him the tariff bill, also the river and harbor appropriation bill and thus can act on each bill while away in case he sees fit to do so. The ten days within which the president has to act on the river and harbor bill expires Saturday night, but he has until Monday night, the 25th, to act on the tariff bill. The president, it is believed, will return on the 24th or 25th instant, and probably on the 24th. The president occupied a special car on the 7:20 train, which is due in New York at 1:30 p. m.

It is learned that the president did not take the enrolled copy, which he must sign, of the tariff bill, with him, but merely an ordinary printed copy of the bill, presumably for examination. The enrolled copy of the bill was taken from the White house about noon to the treasury department in the usual course of official routine.

It is not at all likely that this enrolled copy will be sent to Gray Gables but probabilities therefore, are all in favor of presidential action on the tariff bill being delayed until Mr. Cleveland's return to Washington next week.

Arrives in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly and Capt. Evans, arrived at the Pennsylvania depot in Jersey City at 1:30 p. m. He was escorted to the light house tender John Rogers, which was lying at a nearby pier and which at once started for Gray Gables. Dr. O'Reilly accompanied the president on the Rogers.

AN ERROR IN THE TARIFF BILL.

A Little Semicon May Cause Diamonds to Come in Free.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The tariff bill contains the following paragraph in the free list:

"467—Diamonds; miners' glaziers' and engravers' diamonds, not set in diamond dust, to be used in the manufacture of watches."

It is the semicolon after the word diamonds in the beginning of the paragraph that is considered of such importance.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, insists that the semicolon will not be construed so as to admit all diamonds free of duty. The intention, he said, was to have the work diamonds made a subhead and the mistake of a semicolon instead of a colon will not be allowed to admit diamonds free and especially when construed with the jewelry schedule, which especially provides, "uncut precious gems of all kinds, 10 per cent ad valorem."

The statements of customs officers of the treasury department to the Associated Press representative yesterday, however, differ from Senator Jones. They asserted that the strict letter and punctuation of tariff bills and not congressional intention are followed by the courts.

GASOLINE STOVE TRUST.

A Combine to Make Them Cost a Great Deal More Money.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—The vapor stove manufacturers met again today but failed to effect a combination. The plan is to issue bonds for \$1,500,000 in order to buy up small concerns and furnish working capital for a big company, and negotiations are on foot with a New York firm of brokers to take them.

More Costly Leviathans.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 16.—Work has been commenced upon the three United States cruisers to be built here. The keel of gunboat No. 7 has been laid and the material to be used is being received. The building of the three ships will now be rapidly pushed.

Breeder Had About It.

State Treasurer Biddle has written an open letter to the senators and representatives in congress protesting against Kansas being omitted from the provisions of the irrigation bill now pending before congress.

Chairman Wilson Goes Home.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Chairman Wilson has gone to his home in West Virginia, but will return tomorrow.

CYCLISTS AT DENVER.

The Results of the Trial Heats for Championship Races.

DENVER, Aug. 16.—This is the first race day of the L. A. W. national meet. The weather is perfect and as the crack riders pronounce the new track of the Denver wheel club one of the fastest in the country, records are likely to be broken. On today's programme are two championship events—the half mile and five mile races.

The other events are: one mile novice, half mile novice, half mile open, and one mile 2:30 class, half mile open and one-third mile open, all of class A, and one mile open and two mile handicap, class B.

The results of the trial heats were as follows, the men named qualifying for the races this afternoon:

First heat—E. J. Titus, first; L. D. Cabanne, second; W. F. Murphy, third; W. W. Taxis, fourth. Time 1:15.

Second heat—C. R. Coulter, first; C. S. Wells, second; E. C. Bold, third; W. C. Sanger, fourth. Time, 1:13 1-5.

Third heat—E. J. Titus, first; L. D. Cabanne, second; W. F. Murphy, third; W. W. Taxis, fourth. Time 1:15.

Fourth heat—C. R. Coulter, first; C. S. Wells, second; E. C. Bold, third; W. C. Sanger, fourth. Time, 1:13 1-5.

Fifth heat—W. H. Maxwell, first; Jerry Clark, second; A. G. Harding, third. Time, 2:30 3-5.

Sixth heat—E. B. Bird, first; W. Bainbridge, second; Cy W. Davis, third. Time, 2:58 3-5.

Seventh heat—The new York World is here arranging for a wheelman's race from New York to San Francisco. The World will give \$1,000 to the winner.

OCCUPATION TAX.

The Council Proposes to Put One in Operation.

The committee on licenses of the city council held a meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon to consider the license ordinance.

At the last meeting of the city council, Councilman Burgess said that there were many things taxed under the ordinance which he and other members of the council had not intended should be taxed.

A vote was then taken referring the ordinance to the committee for revision. The committee will suggest some radical changes, and they will propose a new ordinance which will be a departure from the license question. The committee will recommend an occupation tax to operate against every line of business in the city. The dry goods, clothing, grocery and other stores will all be called upon to pay a nominal tax into the city treasury for the privilege of carrying on their business.

The old ordinance has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction as well as some litigation. The licenses are not specific and complaint is made that the question of who shall pay taxes is left in many cases with the license collector.

Several years ago an occupation ordinance was introduced, but when it was called up after an almost endless discussion, it was voted down, and nothing has since been heard of an occupation tax in Topeka.

The committee has resurrected this old ordinance, and will consider the different items in determining the measures of the new ordinance. The committee, however, does not favor such a high tax as was proposed by that old ordinance.

Councilman Stephenson is chairman of the committee on licenses. He said: "I am in favor of an occupation tax, but I think it should be made merely nominal. The ordinance proposed to the council several years ago put the tax altogether too high and we will not propose anything so radical as that, but a new ordinance will be introduced."

FREE BILLS KILLED.

They are Referred to Finance Committee Which is Against the Six Tax Bills.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—In the senate today the motion to refer the free sugar bill to the committee on finance was carried. The motion was made by Mr. Harris. The yeas were 32 and the nays 18. The free coal bill was also referred to the committee on finance by a vote of 35 to 16.

Immediately after the full vote to refer the free sugar bill to the finance committee was announced, Senator Harris, acting chairman of the committee, informed the members that a meeting will be held for that and other supplemental bills at 3:30 today. He hoped to be able to report them tomorrow.

The free iron bill was also referred to the finance committee by a vote of 37 to 17. The free barbed wire bill was sent to the committee without division.

THE REPUBLICANS' PLAN.

They Will Seek to Carry a Repeal Amendment in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Republican steering committee met previous to the convening of the senate today and decided to support the motion to refer the four supplemental tariff bills to the finance committee, and to seek to amend them in various ways, the principal amendment to be offered is for the repeal of the tariff bill just passed.

The idea was also advanced that if there is reason for amending the tariff bill in so many essential particulars as is contemplated in the supplemental bills, there is doubt as to its general worth and Republican senators will take the position that it should be repealed outright.

They count upon the votes of Senators Hill, Caffery, Blanchard, Allen and Kyle. If they should fail on the repeal amendment they would seek to substitute the bounty provision for the pending bill for free sugar, and would expect to secure the votes of the five senators mentioned above except Senator Hill.

King of Siam Reported Dead.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 16.—Dispatches per steamer Tacoma announce the death of the King of Siam. H. M. S. Rattler has been dispatched to Siamese waters to anticipate possible trouble over the succession.

Butchers Strike Declared Off.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—The butchers' strike at the stock yards has been declared off on terms proposed by the packers.

WELLMAN'S OWN STORY.

He Discusses His Failure to Reach the North Pole.

[Copyrighted 1894 by the Associated Press.] Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 16.—Walter Wellman, with the crew of the crushed steamer Ragnarvald-Jari, arrived here yesterday by the fishing yacht Bertine, Capt. Johnsen, from North Spitzbergen. All the members of the party are well. Discussing the failure of the expedition to reach the pole, Mr. Wellman said to the reporter of the Associated Press:

"By the loss of Ragnarvald-Jari and the consequent breaking up of my line of retreat I was compelled to modify my plans for the summer's work and make sure of being able to return to the coast of Spitzbergen earlier than I intended, though the expedition reached within a few miles of the eighty-first parallel on May 12, eleven days from Tromsø.

"The season had then changed to the other extreme. North of the Seven Islands, situated at the extreme north of Spitzbergen, as far as we could see, were masses of heavy, unbroken ice, which appeared absolutely impassable.

"The expedition then turned its face east, along the northeast land, and the northeast gales broke up the ice which had promised to afford smooth and easy traveling. The whole northeast land was explored.

"The scientific men of the party made many interesting observations in geology and natural history. Prof. Owen B. French of the coast and geodetic survey, Washington, accurately surveyed a large part of the coast.

"Among the points added to the map by virtue of the discoveries made during this survey are Capes Gresham, Whitney, Armour and Scott, and Walsh island.

"On July 1, with the seven men and an aluminum boat, I started to force my way over the packed ice, but was compelled, after several days of frightful struggle with the ice to give up the attempt.

"On July 4, I started to return to Walden island crossing Dove bay. We were compelled for hours to wade through water waist high. The screwing of the pack ice threatened to destroy the boats and sledges, but though they were subjected to the hardest usage, the aluminum boats came through uninjured. Had it not been for the protection afforded the stores by the water-tight cases, progress would have been impossible in pack ice where men and sledges were half the time in the water and half the time on the ice.

"Crossing Dove Bay, Alme, the meteorologist of the party, broke a bone of his right leg and had to be carried in the boats to Walden island, which was reached on July 22nd. We waited a fortnight in vain for open water, and on August 4, decided to push through the ice.

"The attempt which was a most dangerous one, was wholly successful, and our four boats reached Low island on August 6, where we sighted the Bertine. Eventually we hired her to convey our party to Tromsø.

"We sailed from Low island on August 7, and reached Dore's island on August 8. There we took off Professor Oyen the geologist and Hyerdahl, the runner and the sportsman from the University of Christiania and the stores which they were guarding for us.

"I am determined to try the Spitzbergen route again in 1895."

FREE SILVER BEATEN.

Texas Cleveland Democracy Downes Gov. Hogg and John H. Reagan.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 16.—At 1 o'clock this morning the Cleveland Democracy, headed by George Clark, jumped into the saddle in Texas and rode over the free silver 16 to 1 ratio by a vote of 451 to 415.

The platform presented by the minority of committee in report was adopted by that vote. Had the majority of free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 one report have bolted the convention for their feelings had been worked up to the point of anger, and it is said that many free silver men voted against their convictions in the interest of harmony.

When the convention assembled at 1:30 today Chairman Hambley read a letter from John H. Reagan, withdrawing from the race for governor, declaring he had made his canvass on the issue of free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and that he would not accept a nomination on the platform adopted, if given him. He said, however, he would support the ticket that shall be nominated.

The convention proceeded to nominations for governor.

At the beginning of the first ballot, Jno. D. McCall, the retiring governor, was defeated by a vote of 1,000 to 1. McCall's opponent, Lanham, was defeated by a vote of 1,000 to 1. McCall's opponent, Lanham, was defeated by a vote of 1,000 to 1. McCall's opponent, Lanham, was defeated by a vote of 1,000 to 1.

LOCAL MENTION.

James M. Williams, aged 22, and Dena M. Oswald, aged 21, were today licensed to wed by Probate Judge Elliott.

The fire at 7:30 last evening was in the house at 215 East Tenth street owned and occupied by M. Mulholland. It started from a gasoline stove and the damage was slight.

Up to this morning \$4,900 of the 105-000 pensions payable through this office had been disposed of and the rush is over for this quarter. The four or five extra clerks have been allowed to depart.

Mrs. Maggie Kerwick, an inmate of the state insane asylum, died Sunday evening of apoplexy. She was without the services of a physician until a half hour before her death. Dr. Neiberg had charge of the case and had left the building.

There are two distinct factions of Democrats in Topeka: the beer drinking Democrats and the whisky drinking Democrats. The whisky fellows rather look down on the beer fellows but there are more beer fellows than the others.

The members of the ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church, gave a picnic at Garfield park yesterday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. Adeline Perkins of Milwaukee, who is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Hayden.

LIQUOR FLOWS FREELY.

How a License Law Works When It Doesn't Work at All.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 16.—The grand jury of Shelby county has found 304 indictments, making 548 found in two days against persons in Shelby county, charged with selling liquor without license, and the investigations of the body have developed the fact that the county, city and state have lost about \$1,500,000 in the past eight years from failure to collect this revenue.

Before the end of this week over 1,000 indictments will have been turned into court. It has been found that not only have liquor dealers enjoyed immunity from taxation, but a great many people in other lines of trade also. When all persons who have not complied with the license law for the past year shall have paid up the income will be \$250,000.

THREATEN TO STRIKE.

Another General Strike to Be Declared if Non-Union Men Are Hired.

MASSON, O., Aug. 16.—The Massillon district miners were disturbed but little by the action of the Massillon operators in Cleveland last Tuesday. The men claim that the threat to put in new men if the miners do not consent to accept the sixty cent rate by August 25 will never be carried out.

However, should non-union men be produced, the strikers claim that no violence will be offered, but that another general strike will be declared by the United Mine Workers. They say they will not return to work until their terms are accepted.

ORDER OUT THE TROOPS!

A Man in Mantion Has Had Trouble With a Tenant.

DENVER, Aug. 16.—Norman C. Jones, a property owner at Mantion has appealed to Gov. Waite to declare martial law in El Paso county and failing to secure it will lay his grievance before President Cleveland. Jones had trouble with a tenant, C. C. Ernest, who assaulted him and died of a heart attack.

Jones claims that Sheriff Bowers and the other officials of El Paso county are in a conspiracy to deny him justice and that his life is unsafe in El Paso county.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE KILLED.

New York Convention Committee Report Against Submitting It to a Vote.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The adverse report of the suffrage committee of the constitutional convention on the proposition to allow the question of woman suffrage to go to the people was agreed to tonight by a vote of 55 to 50. This kills the appeal for female suffrage.

HERE'S WHERE IT HURTS.

Glass Workers Asked to Take Thirty Per Cent Less Wages.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 16.—The conference committees of the window glass manufacturers and workers are in session here today. The manufacturers will ask for a 30 per cent reduction, in exchange for a 30 per cent reduction in the new tariff. The workmen are willing to make concessions and it is expected that the scale for '94-'95 will be settled today.